ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Olive Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Bethlehem Church, Notasulga, Ala.

October 16, 17 and 18, 1896.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. S. BAXLEY, Waycross, Ga. . . . MODERATOR.

ELDER H. J. REDD, River View, Ala. . . . . CLERK.

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MINUTES.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. W. Lively, of the Conecuh River Association, from Luke iv. 18 and 19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," etc.

2d. After 60 minutes' intermission for refreshments, the messengers, brethren and friends assembled in the house, and after singing a hymn, prayer was offered, led by Eld. R. B. Smith, of the Wetumpka Association.

3d. Called for and read letters from the churches composing this Association.

4th. Invited visiting ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

5th. On motion of Bro. J. W. Foster, elected by acclamation Eld. J. S. Baxley Moderator, and Eld. H. J. Redd Clerk. Both agreed to serve.

6th. Agreed to adopt the same Order of Business as last year.

7th. Appointed the following Committees, viz.:

On Preaching—C. P. D. Taylor, G. F. Webster and R. A. Thompson, together with the Messengers of Bethlehem Church, G. C. Freeman, A. F. Patterson and J. S. Baxley.

To Write Corresponding Letter—J. W. Foster.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—Eld. J. T. Clayton, J. M. Parker and A. R. Powell.

8th. Called for correspondence from Sister Corresponding Associations, and received as follows:

From the Upatoie—No intelligence.

From the Beulah—S. G. Higgins, H. D. Pearson, and J. T. Pearson, with Minutes.

From the Wetumpka—Eld. R. B. Smith, J. K. White, I. C. Blake, G. D. Hornsby, A. G. Holloway and W. M. Thomas, with Minutes.

From the Hillabee—Eld. J. A. Nix, with Minutes.

Yellow River—Minutes.

New Hope—No intelligence.

Oconee—Minutes.

Echaconnee—No intelligence.

Conecuh River—Elders W. Lively, C. W. Harden and Bro. J. T. Freeman, with Corresponding Letter.

Primitive Western—Minutes.

Ochmulgee—Minutes.

9th. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

10th. Arranged Union Meetings as follows:

Second Dist. 1st choice—To convene with Shiloh church, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1897. To continue three days.

First Dist. 2nd choice—To convene with Mt. Olive church, 4 miles south of Opelika, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1897. To continue three days.

11th. Received from the Ebenezer Association, Eld. O. H. P. Cook, as a visitor.

12. Committee on Preaching arranged for Eld. C. W. Harden to preach to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, followed by Eld. J. A. Nix.

13th. On motion, agreed to adjourn, to meet again for business at 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

October 17, 1896.

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing the hymn, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," prayer was led by Eld. J. A. Nix, of the Hillabee.

2d. Renewed the call for correspondence, and received Bro. B. J. Hornsby, from the Wetumpka, and Bro. R. Pearson, from the Beulah Association.

3d. Called for report of Committee to Examine Corresponding Minutes. Reported: "We find nothing claiming the attention of the body."

4th returned correspondence to sister Associations as follows:

To the Beulah—J. W. Foster, J. T. Clayton, B. W. Higgins, and H. J. Redd. Convenes with Ephesus Church, Chambers county, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1897.

To the Upatoie—J. T. Clayton, R. M. Thompson, and T. H. Bean. Convenes with Fellowship Church, Harris county, Ga., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1897.

To the Conecuh River—To convene with Pleasant Hill Church, four miles north of Troy, Ala, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1897, J. C. Hancock, J. W. Foster, C P. D. Taylor, G. C. Freeman and J. S. Webb.

To the Ocmulgee—Send minutes.

To the Hillabee—To convene with New Prospect Church, six miles northeast of Goodwater, Ala., on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1897, R. W. Stevenson, and J. T. Clayton.

To the Wetumpka—Convenes with Marble Valley Church, ten miles west of Sylacauga, Ala., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1897, T. C. Freeman and J. T. Clayton.

To the Harmony—Convenes with Mars Hill Church, ten miles southwest of Coleman, Central of Georgia Railway, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1897, send minutes.

To the Yellow River—Send minutes.

Eachaconnee—Send minutes.

New Hope—Send minutes.

Primitive Western—Convenes with the Lebonan Church, Troup county, Ga., five miles east of Gabbettville, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1897, H. J. Redd, J. M. Pratt, L. C. Freeman, and L. D. Pratt.

5th. Called for the reading of the Corresponding Letter, which was read and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon these minutes.

6th. Called for contributions from the churches, and distributed corresponding minutes. The amount received from the churches, $17 10.

7th. Agreed to have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed in the usual way; the Clerk to superintend the same, and to pay for same out of these funds, and to have remainder of funds for his services.

8th. Agreed that the next session of this body convene with Hephziba Church, Lee county, Ala., nine miles east of Opelika, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1897.

9th. Requested the Clerk to tender a note of thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the kindness and hospitality extended toward us while in their midst.

10th. On motion, read and adopted the minutes, and then adjourned for final adjournment on Sunday.

ELD. J. S. BAXLEY, *Moderator.*

ELD. H. J. REDD, *Clerk.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Olive Primitive Baptist Association, now in Session with Bethlehem Church, Macon County, Ala., to her Sister Associations with whom she Corresponds — Sendeth Christian Greeting:

Dearly Beloved in the Lord—Through the mercy and goodness of an All-wise God, we are permitted to hold this, the Fourteenth Annual Session of our body, in peace and brotherly love, for which we feel thankful to the God of all grace. Our churches are all represented except two, with tidings of love and prosperity.

Your correspondence is not as full as we desire, but your ministers have come ladened with messages, as we believe, from the Lord, and have preached much to the comfort of the Saints, contending for the "faith once delivered" to the people of God.

Dear brethren, we desire a continuance of your Christian correspondence, and hope that we may be directed of the Lord to walk as becometh the Saints of God.

The next session of our body is appointed to convene with the Hephziba Church, nine miles east of Opelika, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1897, when and where we hope to greet your messengers again.

Eld. J. S. BAXLEY, *Moderator.*

Eld. H. J. Redd, *Clerk.*

NOTE.

Eld. W. Lively preached the Introductory Sermon at the meeting house at 11 A. M., Friday.

Eld. C. W. Harden preached at the academy in Notasulga, Saturday morning, followed by Eld. J. A. Nix.

Saturday afternoon Eld. R. B. Smith preached.

Sunday, Eld. Lively preached at the Academy, followed by Eld. Baxley, and closed with prayer by Eld. C. W. Harden.

At the same time there was preaching at the Bethlehem meeting house by Eld. H. J. Redd, followed by Eld. O. H. P. Cook.

This was a pleasant session of the Olive Association, and some very able and comforting preaching was done from day to day.

The Lord be praised.—CLERK.

Ministers of the Olive Association and their Post-Offices.

ELD. W. M. MITCHELL.....Opelika, Ala
" L. B. PORTER.....Girard, Ala
" J. S. BAXLEY.....Waycross, Ga
" H. J. REDD.....River View, Ala
" J. T. CLAYTON.....Phenix City, Ala

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	POST-OFFICES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dismis'd by Let'r	Excluded	Died	Total No.	Meeting Time	Contributions
1st District.												
Bethel ...	Lee	Phenix City.	J. T. Clayton ...	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Hephziba...	Lee	Opelika	B. H. Pierson...	H. J. Redd, L. Powell, R. A. Thompson.....	..	1	..	..	..	39	1	$ 2 50
Mt. Olive...	Lee	Opelika	W. M. Mitchell .	C. P. D. Taylor, J. M. Parker, A. L. Lazenby	4	1	3	1	2	89	4	2 50
Mt. Gillead..	Lee	Mott's	J. T. Clayton ...	J. T. Clayton, J. W. Foster, F. Leslie.....	2	..	2	..	..	21	3	1 50
Union	Russell.....	Uhland.....	No Pastor.....	J. C. Hancock	..	..	1	2	..	21	2	60
2nd District.												
Bethlehem..	Macon	Notasulga..	J. S. Baxley	J. S. Baxley, G. C. Freeman, A. F. Patterson	1	4	5	1	1	39	2	3 00
Concord ...	Tallapoosa .	Dadeville...	J. A. Nix.....	J. T. Penington, J. H. Dollar, Robt. Stevenson...	..	2	1	2	4	32	3	1 50
Shiloh.....	Tallapoosa .	Thornton...	No Pastor.....	W. W. Crossley, I. N. Middlebrooks.....	1	..	..	..	..	9	3	1 00
Sharon	Tallapoosa .	Thaddeus ..	No Pastor.....	G. F. Webster, T. H. Johnston, H. C. Hubbard ..	2	2	..	..	1	24	..	2 00
Mt. Zion....	Tallapoosa .	Camp Hill..	W. Lively.....	S. M. Pugh, W. H. Newell	..	..	2	..	..	25	4	2 00
Canaan	Tallapoosa .	Waverly ...	No Pastor.....	Jesse Robinson.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
				Total.....	10	10	14	6	8	299		$17 10

☞Eld. J. T. Satterwhite, Assistant Pastor at Mt. Olive.